

Engagement – Tribal Comments

What types of information would you like APHIS to share after this meeting?

- Provide context and explain why USDA has moved from NAIS to the new traceability approach. Why the transition.
- Possibly a DVD (with the Under Secretary) explaining where traceability stands now, where we see it in 6 months, and what we need to achieve after that
- When it comes to changes in the CFR (or the proposed rule), develop almost a cartoon/simplified version that breaks everything down by species sector and the requirements and what applies to each one. Anything developed with additional visuals (photos) would be preferable.
- Develop a color pamphlet that could be sent to Tribal districts explaining the program
- Also, Tribes should be provided information that comes out of the Regulatory Working Group and the Secretary's Advisory Committee
- The Navaho had a power point in which there was one message, one theme. A similar approach would be helpful around the new traceability approach.

Who should be sharing this information?

- Not the states. APHIS should be sharing information with the Tribes and States immediately and at the same time.
- Terry would be the best person to share any APHIS information with the Tribes. A single point of contact is best.

What are the best ways to get information to you?

- E-mail
- Continued group, in-person meetings
- APHIS attend regular Tribal meetings/Tribal councils
- Bring Tribal decisionmakers to in-person meetings with APHIS and States
- Conference calls, like the Secretary had
- Tribal consultations

What is the best way for you to share information with APHIS?

- E-mail
- Continued group, in-person meetings
- APHIS attend regular Tribal meetings/Tribal councils
- Bring Tribal decisionmakers to in-person meetings with APHIS and States
- Face-to-face meetings with Terry

How should APHIS engage those Tribes not at the Forum?

- Provide information/summary in a newsletter.
- Attend upcoming Tribal meetings, councils, training and share information

How do we know which Tribes are missing?

- Utilize the Indian Ag Coalition, NASS statistics and information, and the Department's outreach efforts.

How should USDA engage with small producers?

- Everyone on the reservation who has a cow/calf operation needs to know this information.
- Reservation representatives should be informed. Terry should speak before Tribal councils.